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In re Application of:)
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For: CHARGING APPARATUS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.